

THE KIRBY FAMILY OF BARTON STACEY, HAMPSHIRE c.1892-c.1918

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FRANK KIRBY was born 10 July 1853 in Kings Somborne, Hampshire, son of William Kirby, farm labourer, and his wife Harriet (Rumbold). A dairyman, in 1884 he married Maria Jane Carr (1855-1914), daughter of Louisa Carr. They lived in Milford, Wiltshire, moving around 1892 to Newton Stacey in the parish of Barton Stacey.

Maria Kirby died in 1914 aged 58. At some point before April 1918 (when son Newton Harold was transported home from France on sick leave), the family were living at Ivy Cottage, Chilbolton. Frank Kirby died in 1927 aged 73.

Children of Frank and Maria Jane (Carr) Kirby,

- i. William James, registered with the surname Carr in 1880.
- ii. Florence, born 1884.
- iii. Frank, born 1886.
- iv. George, born 5 March 1887. He appears to be the man who married Daisy Ellen May Coombes in 1913. They were living in Wokingham, Berkshire at the time of the 1939 Register. This George Kirby died on 29 August 1945.
- v. Frank, born 1889.
- vi. Violet May, born 1891.

and born in Newton Stacey,

- vii. Louisa Harriet, born 2 October 1893. She was single in 1939, living in Bugle Street, Southampton and working as a shop assistant at Woolworths.
- viii. Daisy Maria, born 9 May 1894. She married William Charles Doswell on 7 November 1917 at Chilbolton. He was a son of Albert and Mary Ann Doswell of Barton Stacey. He became a gamekeeper in Penton Mewsey, near Andover, where their home was at Park Cottage. Mr Doswell died in 1978 aged 81, his wife in 1980.
- ix. Mabel, born 1897. Died 1974.
- x. Newton Harold, born 3 April 1898. A farm carter, Newton Kirby enlisted on 13 May 1916 and joined the 35th Battalion Training Reserve of the Machine Gun Corps. He was posted on 6 December 1916 to Exmouth and in April 1917 embarked at Folkestone for Boulogne and joined base depot at Camiers. He was a machine gunner with the Rhine Army, 188 Company MGC. 85465 Pte. Kirby was gassed on 23 March 1918 and entered the 1st Australian General Hospital (set up at the racecourse at Rouen in 1916). He returned home in April 1918 to Ivy Cottage, Chilbolton but returned to France two months later, where he remained until September 1919. Mr Kirby was living at Bullington Down at the time he emigrated to Western Australia in 1924. The Death Index for Victoria shows that he died in 1981.
- xi. Lily Gladys, born 1902.